

## Start Boat

- Red book
- VHF tuned to Ch M2 (P4) (ideally cockpit or handheld)
- PYRA flag
- Watch/Timepiece (see Red book notes above regarding self timing-BST/GPS)
- Horn or whistle
- Start list
- Pen/pencil

It can get busy on the Start lead up, so ideally be on station 30 mins before, not later than 20. Class Captains may request course changes up to 30 mins before the first Start. Once on station decisions rest with the Start Officer. If First Start is to be delayed, fly AP flag if possible.

## FLY THE PYRA FLAG AND ENSURE SOUND SIGNAL CAN BE HEARD VIA VHF

1 \_\_\_\_\_ (30 mins before 1<sup>st</sup> Start) request radio check from any other PYRA vessel.

2 Following radio check confirmation advise fleet –

***“All PYRA vessels, all PYRA vessels, this is your Start Boat \_\_\_\_\_ .***

***We are on station/en route to \_\_\_\_\_***

***It is our intention to Start the \_\_\_\_\_ (Sponsors name) race to \_\_\_\_\_,***

***with the first Start at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs in accordance with the Red Book.*** (If late advise that Flag AP is flying)

***We will repeat this message in approx. 10mins. In the meantime, if there are any line entries, please give your boat name, sail number, Class and number of persons on board (POB)***

***This is \_\_\_\_\_ listening on channel M2.”***

3 If line entries are requested note name, sail number, Class and the number of persons on board (POB)

4 \_\_\_\_\_ (10 mins after first announcement) – Repeat

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***with the first Start at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs in accordance with the Red Book.*** (If late advise that Flag AP is flying)

***We will transmit a time check in approx. 5mins at \_\_\_\_\_ hours. In the meantime, if there are any line entries, please advise now. Line entries will not be accepted after the 1<sup>st</sup> warning Signal.***

***This is \_\_\_\_\_ listening on channel M2.”***

5 \_\_\_\_\_ (16 mins before the 1<sup>st</sup> Start) – Time Check warning.

***“All PYRA vessels, all PYRA vessels, this is your Start Boat \_\_\_\_\_ .***

***A time check for \_\_\_\_\_ hrs will follow in approx. \_\_\_\_\_ seconds - Pause – 15 seconds, 10-5-4-3-2-Mark.***

***That was your Time Check for \_\_\_\_\_ hrs.***

***The Start Line is \_\_\_\_\_, (describe line and repeat clearly)***

***The course for Class \_\_\_\_\_ /all Classes will be Start Line \_\_\_\_\_, Finish Line, as described in the Red Book.”***

***“Please take your times at (intermediate marks if appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_ and at the \_\_\_\_\_ Finish”***

***“The \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsors Rendezvous will be at \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .***

***On arrival in \_\_\_\_\_ please hand your finish times to the Start Boat for provisional results to be calculated.*** (or give out phone number if this method of recording boat and finish time is being used)

***This is \_\_\_\_\_ listening on channel M2.”***

6 \_\_\_\_\_ (10 mins before 1<sup>st</sup> Start)

**"All PYRA vessels, all PYRA vessels, this is your Start Boat \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The course for Class \_\_\_\_\_ /all Classes will be Start Line, \_\_\_\_\_ Finish Line,  
Please take your times at (intermediate marks if appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_ and at the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Finish"**

**"The first warning Signal for Class 4 will be at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs.**

**We will run through the Start sequence for all Classes even if there are no competitors in a  
particular Class. This is \_\_\_\_\_ listening on Channel M2"**

7 \_\_\_\_\_ ( 6 mins before 1<sup>st</sup> Start )

2 x Sound Signals and transmit

**"That was the Signal for AP down"** (If you have flown flag AP, remove now.)

8 \_\_\_\_\_ ( 5 mins before 1<sup>st</sup> Start )

1 Sound Signal and transmit

**"That was the Warning Signal for Class 4"**

9 \_\_\_\_\_ (4 mins before 1<sup>st</sup> Start )

1 long Sound Signal and transmit

**"That was the Preparatory Signal for Class 4"**

Repeat the course for Class 4 **"The course for Class 4 is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Please take your times (intermediate marks if appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_  
and at the Finish"**

10 \_\_\_\_\_ (1 min before 1<sup>st</sup> Start)

1 Sound Signal and transmit

**"That was the 1 minute Signal for Class 4"**

11 \_\_\_\_\_ ( 1<sup>st</sup> Start and 5 mins before 2<sup>nd</sup> Start)

1 Sound Signal

**"That was the Start Signal for Class 4 and the Warning Signal for Classes 2 & 3  
(All clear)"**

(If any boat is OCS a 2<sup>nd</sup> Sound Signal is made. If too many boats are OCS for identification a 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sound Signal is made promptly to notify of a General Recall. On VHF transmit any boats names  
that are OCS)

12 \_\_\_\_\_ (4 mins before 2<sup>nd</sup> Start)

1 long Sound Signal and transmit

**"That was the Preparatory Signal for Classes 2 and 3"**

Repeat the course for Classes 2 & 3 **"The course for Classes 2 & 3 is \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please take your times at (intermediate marks if appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_  
and at the Finish"**

13 \_\_\_\_\_ (1 min before 2nd start)

1 Sound Signal and transmit

**"That was the 1 minute Signal for Classes 2 and 3"**

14 \_\_\_\_\_ ( 2nd Start and 5 mins before 3rd Start)

1 Sound Signal and transmit

**"That was the Start Signal for Classes 2 and 3 and the Warning Signal for Classes 1 and 0,  
(All clear)"**

15 \_\_\_\_\_ (4 mins before 3rd Start)

1 long Sound Signal and transmit

***“That was the Preparatory Signal for Classes 1 and 0”***

Repeat the course for Classes 1 & 0 ***“The course for Classes 1 & 0 is \_\_\_\_\_***

***Please take your times at (intermediate marks if appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_  
and at the Finish”***

16 \_\_\_\_\_ (1 min before 3rd Start)

1 Sound Signal and transmit

***“That was the 1 minute Signal for Classes 1 and 0”***

17 \_\_\_\_\_ (3rd Start)

1 Sound Signal and transmit

***“That was the Start Signal for Classes 1 and 0 and the Warning Signal for Class 5  
(All clear)”***

18 \_\_\_\_\_ (4 mins before 4th Start)

1 long Sound Signal and transmit

***“That was the Preparatory Signal for Class 5”***

Repeat the course for Class 5 ***“The course for Class 5 is \_\_\_\_\_***

***Please take your times at (intermediate marks if appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_  
and at the Finish”***

19 \_\_\_\_\_ (1 min before 4th Start)

1 Sound Signal and transmit

***“That was the 1 minute Signal for Class 5”***

20 \_\_\_\_\_ (4th Start)

1 Sound Signal and transmit

***“That was the Class 5 Start Signal  
(All clear)”***

21 As soon as possible after last Start and any OCS boats have cleared the line, hoist sails, stop engine and cross the line noting your own Start time.

22 After race confirm number and names of competing boats, with each Class Start time for the Results Officer. Advise of own ‘late Start time’.

**Postponement**

**2 x Sound Signals and transmit**

***“All PYRA vessels, this is your Start boat \_\_\_\_\_ . Due to lack of  
wind we are postponing the Start of todays race. The AP is now flying. We will motor  
in company in the direction of \_\_\_\_\_ until we have a consistent breeze above  
5knots.***

***Any boat who decides to retire from todays race, please radio your name and sail  
number.***

***This is \_\_\_\_\_ listening on channel M2 “***